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SUBJ: INTERNATIONAL HIGHWAY ASSAULT - MRS JULIA ROE

1. CONSULATE ADVISED ON JANUARY 6 BY CHIEF OF TOURIST DEPT., CULIACAN THAT HE HAD HEARD THAT THERE WAS ANOTHER INCIDENT OF AN ASSAULT ON HIGHWAY 15 INVOLVING A U.S. CITIZEN. CONSULATE TELEPHONED CONTACT IN CULIACAN AND ASKED HIM TO CHECK AND ADVISE RESULTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. CONTACT CALLED MORNING JANUARY 7 TO ADVISE U.S. CITIZEN BY THE NAME OF "JULIA GREEN" INVOLVED AND FRIEND THAT SHE WAS TRAVELLING WITH WAS MURDERED.

2. CONTACTED HOTEL WHERE "MS. GREEN WAS STAYING AND AS SHE WAS NOT IN, LEFT A MESSAGE FOR HER TO CALL CONSULATE. AT 6:30 P.M. INDIVIDUAL RETURNED CALL AND IDENTIFIED HERSELF AS MRS. JULIA
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GREEN ROE.

3. ON JANUARY 5 AT 10:00 P.M. XAS. ROE AND HER FIANCE, RAMON GUADALUPE GARCIA DIAZ, A MEXICAN CITIZEN RESIDING IN U.S., WERE TRAVELLING ON HIGHWAY 15, WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF CULIACAN, WHEN TWO MEN IN A VOLKSWAGEN, WAIVING PISTOLS, FORCED THEM TO STOP. MRS. ROE WAS TOLD TO GET IN THE BACKSEAT, GARCIA DIAZ WAS

IN FRONT SEAT OF THEIR 1974 CHEVROLET AND HIGHWAY ROBBER TOOK WHEEL. THEY WERE ABOUT TO DRIVE OUT OF THE CITY, WITH THE VOLKSWAGEN LEADING THE WAY, WHEN GARCIA DIAZ TOOK LARGE HALF GALLON BOTTLE AND STRUCK BANDIT. A FIGHT ENSUED, ONE SHOT WAS FIRED BREAKING THE WINDOW, AND THEN BOTH GARCIA AND ROBBER FELL OUT OF THE CAR WHEN DOOR FLEW OPEN. MRS. ROE QUICKLY GOT IN DRIVER'S SEAT, STARTED CAR AND PULLED AHEAD ABOUT 15 YARDS, TURNED CAR AROUND WITH THE INTENTION OF HITTING THE BANDITS WITH THE VEHICLE. SHE STATED LATER SHE WAS LITERALLY FIGHTING FOR HER LIFE AS WELL AS THE LIFE OF HER FIANCE. THE OTHER BANDIT HAD GOTTEN OUT OF HIS VOLKSWAGEN TO HELP HIS COHORT AND AS MRS. ROE HEADED TOWARD THE THREE STRUGGLING INDIVIDUALS, SHE HEARD A SHOT, HER FIANCE DROPPED TO THE GROUND, AND THEN ONE OF THE BANDITS PUMPED THE REST OF THE BULLETS FROM HIS GUN INTO GARCIA DIAZ. MRS. ROE CONTINUED RUNNING THE CAR TOWARD THE BANDITS, TURNED IT AROUND AGAIN, THIS TIME HITTING THE VOLKSWAGEN AND THEN THE BANDITS FLED. THE INCIDENT OCCURED WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS WITH APPROXIMATELY 50 TO 80 PEOPLE AROUND AND NO ONE LIFTED A HAND TO HELP DURING OR AFTER THE INCIDENT. SHE WAITED TWO HOURS BEFORE AN AMBULANCE AND POLICE OFFICIAL ARRIVED AND WAS INTERROGATED ALL THAT NIGHT.

4. MRS. ROE TOLD CONOFF THAT SHE IS THE DIVORCED WIFE OF ROBERT ROE, PRESIDENT OF SPERRY RAND CORP. SHE AND HER FIANCE HAD HEARD THE WARNINGS PUT OUT BY THE AMERICAN AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION AND DEPARTMENT OF STATE BUT DECIDED TO DRIVE DOWN ANYWAY AFTER HEARING THE MEXICAN SECRETARY OF TOURISM ON TV IN LOS ANGELES SAY THAT THE REPORTS BEING PUT OUT ARE EXAGGERATED AND THAT IT IS PERFECTLY SAFE TO DRIVE DOWN HIGHWAY 15. MRS. ROE UNCLASSIFIED

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INTENDS TO REPORT THE INCIDENT TO HIGH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS THAT SHE KNOWS, AS WELL AS TO THE MEDIA. SHE HOPES TO PUBLICIZE THE ASSAULT AS WIDELY AS POSSIBLE. SHE STATED FURTHER THAT SHE IS EXTREMELY ANXIOUS TO LEAVE CULIACAN BECAUSE SHE CAN IDENTIFY THE TWO MURDERERS AND SHE FEARS FOR HER LIFE.

5. CONOFF IMMEDIATELY CALLED CONTACT IN CULIACAN AND ASKED HIM TO ACCOMPANY MRS. ROE TO POLICE STATION, ASSIST HER WITH OFFICIALS AND INSURE THAT SHE RECEIVES ADEQUATE PROTECTION WHILE IN CULIACAN.

6. CONTACT CALLED CONOFF MORNING JAN. 8 TO REPORT THAT HE SPENT UNTIL MIDNIGHT AT POLICE STATION WITH MRS. ROE AND SHE WAS INTERROGATED FURTHER BY FEDERAL OFFICIAL FROM MEXICO CITY WHO CAME ESPECIALLY TO INVESTIGATE THE CASE. SHE IS SCHEDULED TO DEPART CULIACAN TODAY WITH HER FRIEND HOWARD COBLETZ, WHO FLEW TO CULIACAN FROM LOS ANGELES TO HELP HER, AND TWO ARMED GUARDS WHO WILL ACCOMPANY THEM ALL THE WAY TO NOGALES. SHE WILL BE DRIVING HER 1974 CHEVROLET BLAZER, ORANGE AND WHITE, CALIF.

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7. MRS. ROE WAS GIVEN NAME OF PRINCIPAL OFFICER IN HERMOSILLO
IN THE EVENT SHE NEEDED FURTHER ASSISTANCE ENROUTE TO BORDER
AND WAS ASKED TO CALL CONOFF CLARK MAZATLAN COLLECT WHEN SHE ARRIVED
IN NOGALES.
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